

GENERAL NEWS. WASHINGTON CITY. CONGRESSIONAL. THAT LETTER AGAIN. THE NORTHWEST. PACIFIC COAST NEWS. PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Gen. Gaff Assumes Control of the Navy Department.
Washington, Jan. 7.—The president has appointed Gen. Gaff to assume control of the Navy Department. The appointment is a surprise, as Gen. Gaff has not previously held a position of such importance. He is a distinguished military leader and a man of high character. His appointment is a reflection of the confidence placed in him by the president.

Complete Census Returns Give Illinois a Population of 3,000,000.
Chicago, Jan. 7.—The census returns for the state of Illinois have been received. The population of the state is 3,000,000. This is a significant increase from the previous census. The returns show that the state is growing rapidly and that the population is becoming more diversified.

Senator Conkling Has Not Liked the State of Affairs in the Senate.
Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Conkling has expressed his dissatisfaction with the current state of affairs in the Senate. He feels that the Senate is not acting in a proper manner and that the interests of the country are being neglected. He has expressed his views in a public statement and has called for a change in the leadership of the Senate.

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RECORDS OF THE GREAT WAR.

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democratic doctrine of supremacy of the constitution in the face of democratic autocracy.

The weekly *Independent* publication, miscellany, is evidently trying to work itself into further notoriety, in the hope of profit. Its course is thoroughly unprincipled and contemptible. The ostentatious confession made a few days ago that the letter was a forgery was a shameless attempt of hypocrisy to assume the virtue of sincerity; for the paper knew as well from the first that the letter was a forgery as it knows that fact now. Every one knows that the village was proved unworthy to be by the democratic national committee and the democratic paper that was made the instrument of its propaganda; and the public is only trying now to keep up the notoriety it has obtained for the sake of gain.

The *Morning organ* at Salt Lake, writes Gove, Nott of Idaho, that polygamists' marriages have taken place at that territory. The Salt Lake Tribune, ever ready to believe the thick-headed romances come from Salt Lake to have the time made in secret, the government may have some trouble; and after proving the marriage the women would swear they were never married and their offspring illegitimate. This has been the result of prosecutions for polygamists in Utah on several occasions.

England is leagued with reference to the dairy question is indicated without doubt; but so enormous as to warrant the resolution offered in the house of representatives yesterday by Newbury of Michigan, charging Her Majesty's agents and ministers with the conduct and acts of common swindlers. Such want of decent courtesy, with the absurdity of the charge, stamps its author as a foolish hot-head. Gen. Newbury's sensible remarks came as a timely rebuke.

Jan. Gould's late acquisition of railroad property north of St. Louis, is the completion of the railway mileage of the country.

JANUARY MAGAZINES.

THE PORTLAND SCIENCE MONTHLY.

This number opens with Spencer's third paper on the evolution of life. Political institutions, which is devoted to the "Political Institutions of the United States." The present article is devoted to any account of the way communities first became united or consolidated in their political organization. The second article is by Dr. Felix L. Oswald, on the subject of "Diet." It is a most interesting paper, and well calculated to set people thinking on the most practical of all subjects, and where people are generally more guided by injurious custom than by reason. The third article is by Prof. Dr. J. M. Langen, on the subject of "Domestic Motors," and gives an excellent illustrated article on "Steam and Hot Air Engines," such as are adapted for common use. Prof. F. W. Clarke publishes a study by Dr. J. M. Langen, on the subject of "The Evolution of the Human Race," and a study by Dr. J. M. Langen, on the subject of "The Evolution of the Human Race." The fourth article is by Dr. J. M. 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